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LANZAROTE COMMITTEE

Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe
Convention on the protection of children against sexual
exploitation and sexual abuse

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List of decisions

Extraordinary meeting (hybrid)

Venue: Strasbourg and KUDO platform

6 - 7 December 2022

Adopted by the Lanzarote Committee on 7 December 2022

The Committee of the Parties (hereinafter referred to as “the Lanzarote Committee” or “the Committee”) to the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (hereinafter referred to as “the Lanzarote Convention” or “the Convention”) held an extraordinary meeting in Strasbourg and on the KUDO platform on 6 – 7 December 2022.

During this meeting, the Lanzarote Committee:

1. Adopted its agenda.

As to the consequences of the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine and the modalities of participation of the Russian Federation in the work of the Lanzarote Committee

2. Decided that there was a need to review the modalities of participation of the Russian Federation in the work of the Lanzarote Committee.
3. Decided to include the following new Rule at the end of Rule 2.1 of its Rules of Procedure:

“The Lanzarote Committee may decide on measures to restrict the participation in its work of a Party that has ceased to be a member of the Council of Europe, following a decision by the Committee of Ministers in the context of a procedure launched under Article 8 of the Statute of the Council of Europe for a serious violation of Article 3 of the Statute. Similarly, measures restricting the participation of a Party can be taken in respect of any non-member state of the Council of Europe concerned by a Committee of Ministers decision restricting or suspending its relations with it due to serious breaches of international law comparable to a serious violation of Article 3 of the Statute. No measures contravening the rights of the States Parties under the Convention may be imposed. No participants or observers shall be present during the Committee’s examination of the matter. Voting shall be in accordance with Rule 18 paragraph 2 and the decision taken shall have immediate effect. Any reconsideration of the decision shall be in accordance with Rule 17 and shall be carried out as swiftly as possible. The Chairperson shall ensure the orderly implementation of the decision in the interest of the effective functioning of the Committee.”

4. Adopted the following decision on restrictions of the modalities of participation of the Russian Federation in the Lanzarote Committee:

“Based on new Rule 2.1.5 of its [Rules of Procedure](#), the Lanzarote Committee adopts the following measures with immediate effect:

- a. The representative of the Russian Federation will not take part in the election of the Bureau of the Lanzarote Committee, and s/he shall not chair the Lanzarote Committee or be a member of the Bureau. Similarly, s/he shall not be entrusted*

with any task of rapporteur and shall not represent the Lanzarote Committee in any circumstances.

- b. The representative of the Russian Federation will continue to receive information concerning the work of the Lanzarote Committee and will have access to its working documents via the shared space of the Lanzarote Committee but will not be invited to take part in the meetings and capacity building activities of the Lanzarote Committee.*
- c. In the context of the Lanzarote Committee’s monitoring and capacity-building work, the representative of the Russian Federation may communicate to the Secretariat of the Lanzarote Committee any comments s/he may have on working documents only to the extent that they refer to, or include an evaluation of, the situation in the Russian Federation. The Chairperson will ask the Secretariat to present any such comments received by the Russian Federation during the meetings. If further clarifications from the Russian Federation are necessary following the Committee’s examination of the comments received, the Secretariat will seek such clarifications in the margins of the meeting and communicate them to the Committee.*
- d. If voting is scheduled to take place, the Secretariat will inform the representative of the Russian Federation beforehand and will provide a link to participate in the vote remotely or indicate another channel for communicating his or her vote directly to the Secretariat. In case of a vote by secret ballot, the Secretariat shall ensure the secrecy of the vote.*
- e. The Russian Federation will continue to be required to respond to Committee requests concerning its own implementation of the Lanzarote Convention in accordance with Rules 23 and 24 of its Rules of Procedure.*

Any reconsideration of the above decision shall take place in accordance with Rule 17.”

As to the revised Rules of Procedure of the Lanzarote Committee

5. Adopted its revised Rules of Procedure.

As to the suggestion to update a 2010 survey to collect data on the occurrence of sexual violence against children in Council of Europe member states

6. Requested its Secretariat to prepare a questionnaire to collect data on the occurrence of sexual violence against children in Parties to the Lanzarote Convention, using as a basis the 2010 survey as well as the relevant recommendations in Chapter 2 (Collection of data on child sexual abuse in the circle of trust) of its [first monitoring report](#) “Protection of children against sexual abuse in the circle of trust: The framework”.

As to election of the Lanzarote Committee’s Bureau

7. Elected, for a first term of office of two years:
 - Ms CASTELLO-BRANCO (Portugal) as Chairperson of the Committee,
 - Ms ILCHUK (Ukraine) as Vice-Chairperson of the Committee.

8. Re-elected, for a second term of office (of two years) Ms DOURTHE (France) and Ms MUSCAT (Malta) as members of the Committee's Bureau.

9. Elected, for a first term of office (of two years) Mr NIKOLAIDIS (Greece), Mr MAGNÚSSON (Iceland) and Ms LOVŠIN (Slovenia) as members of the Committee's Bureau.

As to the appointment of Lanzarote Committee representatives or substitutes

10. Appointed Ms ILCHUK (Ukraine) as its representative and Ms MUSCAT (Malta) as her substitute to the European Committee for Social Cohesion (CCS).

11. Appointed Mr NIKOLAIDIS (Greece) as its representative and Ms BOROVIČANIN (Bosnia and Herzegovina) as his substitute to the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF).

12. Appointed Mr NIKOLAIDIS (Greece) as its representative to the Committee of Experts on the rights and the best interests of the child in parental separation and in care proceedings (CJ/ENF-ISE).

13. Appointed Ms CASTELLO-BRANCO (Portugal) as its representative to the Cyber-Crime Convention Committee (T-CY).

Other business

14. Agreed that, in the context of the up-coming meeting of the Heads of monitoring mechanisms and advisory bodies with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe (17 January 2023), the Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee should participate in working group 2 on relations between the European Union and the Council of Europe due to its high importance for the current work of the Lanzarote Committee.

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15. Adopted this list of decisions.

Dates of the next meeting

- **37th meeting, 31 January – 2 February 2023** (Strasbourg/hybrid)